

Arts in the Parks

Mississinewa Lake Property Profile

Website: <http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2955.htm>

Key Messages/Stories:

- A 14,386 acre property developed for flood control in the 1960s. Mississinewa works in conjunction with Salamonie Lake and J. Edward Roush Lake in maintaining flooding of the Wabash River. It is the largest of the Upper Wabash Reservoir system, owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, leased by Indiana DNR. Mississinewa Lake property is located within three counties. Property maintained for recreation and wildlife management.
- Cultural History of the Area – Mississinewa is rich in Miami Indian history with a well-known story of “The Lost Sister,” a five-year-old girl stolen during the Revolutionary War in Pennsylvania, captured by the Delaware Indians and ends up with the Miami on the banks of the Mississinewa. Frances Slocum married a war chief, raised her family, was eventually reunited with her Quaker family but chose to remain with her Native family. The Mississinewa Battle of 1812 took place on the property and is a well-known and –attended reenactment.

Top Five Things to Do:

- Visit the historical sites documented to Miami Indian history throughout the property.
- Six trails open year round include: Lost Sister Trail, Blue Heron Trail, Moswa Trail and Shepoconnah Trail.
- Boat, ski, tube, sunbathe, fish, trap, hunt.
- Trail’s End, gorgeous scenic drive area, shade tree lined presenting a canopy to drive under.
- Eagle Watch! One of the largest documented winter eagle roosts is located just downstream from the dam.

Lodging: Primitive, modern and seasonal camping; primitive cabins.

General visitor profile: Example: campers (weekends or weeklong and long-term seasonal); day-users for picnics and hiking; school groups in spring/summer; scout and other groups for volunteer service, photographers, birdwatchers, wildlife viewers.

Potential arts venues:

- Amphitheaters available: open air bench seating, no covering, electricity, stage, portable screen, plenty of parking.
- Various shelter houses:
 - Interpretive Shelter, located next to amphitheater; beach shelter. Both near restrooms, parking, electric, roof covering only, seats roughly 75.
- Nature Center:
 - Interpretive Shelter
 - Outdoor amphitheater: listed above.

Visitation in FY2014: 1,107,605

Nearby Communities: Peru, Wabash, Kokomo, Marion, Converse, Amboy



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